

# **HOUSE . . . . . No. 1194**

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By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, petition of John W. Scibak and Sarah K. Peake that provision be made for full tuition waivers at state and community colleges for children of full-time public and charter school teachers. Higher Education.

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## **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

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### **AN ACT TO PROVIDE TUITION REMISSION BENEFITS TO CHILDREN OF PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Chapter 15A of the General Laws, as appearing in  
2 the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end  
3 thereof the following new section:—

4     Section 41. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or  
5 special law to the contrary, the Board of Higher Education shall pro-  
6 vide full tuition waivers for any state-supported course toward an  
7 undergraduate degree program at each community college, state col-  
8 lege and undergraduate campus of the University of Massachusetts  
9 for students who are not over the age of 24 and who are the children  
10 or adopted children of a teacher with a minimum of 15 years of full-  
11 time teaching in a public or charter school in the Commonwealth of  
12 Massachusetts.

1     SECTION 2. An eligible child seeking tuition remission must  
2 apply for admission and meet all admission standards of the public  
3 college or university in the Commonwealth for which the child seeks  
4 tuition remission. The procedures for requesting the tuition waiver  
5 shall be governed by each campus, which will include the submis-  
6 sion of documentation confirming that the parent has the requisite  
7 full-time teaching experience to be eligible.

1        SECTION 3. Eligibility for this benefit will continue until an eli-  
2 gible child reaches the age of 25, and provided that the parent con-  
3 tinues to be employed as a full-time teacher in a public or charter  
4 school in the Commonwealth. If the parent leaves employment as a  
5 full-time teacher while an eligible child is enrolled in a program of  
6 study, the child may complete the semester course(s) already begun  
7 without paying tuition. At the end of the semester, eligibility for the  
8 tuition waiver ceases.